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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Emily Beggs Esarey of White Hall, who passed away on January 14, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Emily Esarey was born in Oak Park on July 24, 1933 to Charles Norman and Elizabeth Loe Corsa Beggs; she graduated from Oak Park High School in 1951 and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in animal science; she earned the distinction as the first female graduate of the College of Agriculture; she was a proud member of the Sigma Kappa sorority and a supporter of Chief Illiniwek; she married James Gibson Esarey on June 26, 1955 in Oak Park; and

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WHEREAS, In 1959, Emily Esarey and her husband settled in Greene County, south of White Hall, and began managing Gregory Farm, a farm that had been in her family since 1821; and

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WHEREAS, Emily Esarey was involved with many community organizations, including positions as a 4-H club leader, church choir member, softball coach, honorary Future Farmers of America member, art teacher, and avid horse enthusiast for Percheron horses, Quarter horses (AQHA), and Morgans; she was also a horse handler at Beverly Farms; she was affectionately

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1 know as "Mrs. E"; and

2 WHEREAS, Emily Esarey was preceded in death by her husband,  
3 James; her parents; and her brother, Bill Beggs; and

4 WHEREAS, Emily Esarey is survived by 2 daughters, Le  
5 (Butch) Esarey Perry and Laura Jane (Drew) Dukett; her 2 sons,  
6 Jonathon Esarey and Justus (Toni) Esarey; her sister, Sarah  
7 Coad; her brother, Gregory Beggs; her 5 grandchildren, Bethany  
8 Dukett, Joshua Dukett, Christopher Dukett (Sonya), Greg Finn,  
9 and Zach Finn; her 3 great-grandchildren, Ashley Wells,  
10 Christian Wells, and Haley Westermayer; and her  
11 great-great-grandchild, Isabella Marie Wells; she also hosted  
12 4 exchange students including Hereath (Sri Lanka), Shinji Kondo  
13 (Japan), Evangeline Karahalios Guerland (Xavier-France), and  
14 Nina Suvanto-Collan (Finland); therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Emily Beggs Esarey, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Emily Esarey as an expression of our  
22 deepest sympathy.